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## From the Desk



## of the Director

Season's Greetings to Everyone,

Well, I am sure by the time you get your Journals you probably have celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas and hopefully had a safe and enjoyable time.

The weather here has been mild for this time of year and we are enjoying a long Indian summer too say the least. We didn't get the awful snow storm here in Lewis County as the other surrounding counties had to endure. Thank God, we got a small reprieve after the awful summer storms we had.

After we were finished with the Gathering and the Jubilee things are starting to slow down to a reasonable pace.

We had our first ever Community Yard Sale and invited the individuals, businesses, crafters and antique venders to join us for a small set up fee. We didn't have as many venders as I was hoping for but I think that next year will be better.

We celebrated our volunteers and employees in November by having a Souper Bowl Party (not a type-o). We had three kinds of homemade soup, two huge subs and a dessert bar full of homemade goodies all made by me. Did I mention that I used to have my own bakery and have worked food service for years so everyone got to see what it is that I do best? It was well worth the effort though to show my appreciation for all the hard work that our volunteers and employees do here to help us maintain this library.

We just had our early Christmas Party at a local restaurant and enjoyed great company and food. As you may have noticed, we do a lot of eating here.

Well, I will sign off now till next time. Be safe and love your families.

*Linda*

## Using atDNA for Genealogy

by Jim Bartlett

The new atDNA test is a **very powerful tool for genealogists**. Read below for what it covers. It is actually very easy for genealogists to use. All genealogists (**men and women**) can use this test to find new cousins and learn more about their ancestors. The atDNA test also includes features that can get complex, if you really get into it. You can use this test to determine which ancestors provided which parts of your DNA. In all cases atDNA takes some work – some hard work – but genealogists have been doing hard work ever since they began this hobby. I'll tell you how to take it a little at a time, and learn as you go. Here's the [summary](#) for all DNA testing:

**Your matches are your cousins:**

**Contact them, Share ancestries, Determine your Common Ancestor(s)  
It's that simple!**

### Background Information:

The DNA tests are taken by living people. **If two living people have matching DNA, then they got it from a Common Ancestor.**

The DNA testing companies don't know your ancestry, and cannot help you find your Ancestors. The companies provide the tests and their results include a list of people whose DNA matches yours. **It's up to you** to contact those people and share ancestral information to determine your Common Ancestor(s).

You don't need to understand biology or genetics to use atDNA as a tool for genealogy. If you want to delve into the biology, just google DNA or autosomal DNA, and read through the Wikipedia articles. But this article stays away from biology and technical terms.

atDNA is a powerful tool. There are a number of ways to use it. I strongly recommend you take it in phases – start off with easy phases and work up. I've been using atDNA for two years, and I'm not through all the phases yet. Although atDNA involves some work, I think you'll find each of the first few phases (outlined below) are well within the capabilities that most genealogists already have. You'll also learn about the processes involved as you go and gain confidence.

**First – Understanding atDNA.** You should do this before you even order a test.

know. I'd really like to find out what happened to her and if she has passed away, which I am assuming after this long, where she is buried and if she had other children. She was the daughter of Lloyd James **RADCLIFF** and Mary Ann **ATKINSON**. Lloyd was born in 1874, son of Henry Franklin **RADCLIFF** and Priscilla Gertrude **HENLINE**. Mary Ann was the daughter of Joseph **ATKINSON** and Sarah **RIFFLE**.

Again, any info on Ruby and what happened to her would be most appreciated. Ruby would be one of my distant cousins and I would like to make an effort to find out what happened to her. Joannie **ERICKSON**, 2637 Shady Lane, North Pole, Alaska 99705  
<[ERICKSON@mosquitonet.com](mailto:ERICKSON@mosquitonet.com)>

4. Am looking for any descendants of the following lines who have taken DNA tests or are interested in DNA testing. Men or women are equally welcome from any kind of descent - it does NOT need to be an all-male or all-female line. In some cases I will share costs for new tests. I have already taken all of the DNA tests, and have over 20 close cousins who have taken the Family Finder DNA test (google it), so you would almost certainly find a match. My lines:

Thomas **BARTLETT** c1730-1806; James **FLEMING** 1740-1832; Sylvester **WELCH** 1729-1810 (m Jemima **CARROLL**); James **NEWLON** 1746-1796 (son Thomas 1767-1813); Paulser **BUTCHER** 1753-1829; John **ALKIRE** 1750-1828; Charles **FISHER** 1770-1829; Jacob **BUSH** 1756-1832; Robert **GLAZE**; Isaac **MEANS** 1723-1818; Aaron **HENRY** 1744-1825; Francis **BURRELL** 1730-1810; Joseph **ALLEN** 1775-1848; a **DORSEY** line from Monongalia Co. If you are unsure and/or have questions, please email me. Jim **BARTLETT** [jim4bartletts@verizon.net](mailto:jim4bartletts@verizon.net) 7224 Beacon Ter, Bethesda, MD 20817

was an unacceptable casualty rate for adventuring but the young men who raced for the bonanza were the sons and grandsons of trans-Allegheny pioneers with much to prove to their fore bearers and themselves. As it turned out, miners were ephemeral. Those who prevailed and created something lasting were the men and women who transplanted roots.

## Queries????????

1. My g grandmother Mary Elizabeth "Mollie" **BALLENTINE STEINBECK**'s photo album is in my possession. It was given to her Christmas 1868 by a friend Tom Fouke (middle initial could be "I"). There are quite a few pictures of her friends, as well as family. Sadly the pictures have lightened over the years.

Mollie was about 21 at the time she was friends with Tom. There are a couple pictures of him and his wife ..no first name given. Mollie taught school in the Alum Bridge area before her marriage to Francis **STEINBECK**, March 1871. They raised 9 children and she died Jan. 1941 at age 94. I was old enough to have memories of some of her later years. Not sure if the pictures can be reproduced. Might try if there is someone who is related to this family.. You can contact me at Shirley **TOOHEY S2ee@juno.com** or 661 S. Gentry Lane, Anaheim, CA 92807.

2. Michael **BUSH** who served with others from the Buckhannon area in Dunmore's War in 1774 was killed at the Battle of Point Pleasant. His widow, Catherine, subsequently married John **HAGLE**, another Buckhannon resident who had fought in the same company with Michael. Does anyone know Catherine's maiden name? Dennis **RODGERS**. 1474 Beechwood Trail, Fort Myers, FL 33919; [ecomantoo@comcast.net](mailto:ecomantoo@comcast.net)

3. Looking for any help in finding out what happened to Ruby Gertrude **RADCLIFF COAKLEY**. She was born May 6, 1917 in Lewis Co., WV. She married Purl Leonard **COAKLEY** on May 14, 1936 and had children. Some say she left with Mr. **WILLIAMS** and went to Ohio where he worked at the tire plant, but that is just hearsay as far as I

The DNA sample is from your saliva (no pain, no blood). The DNA Kit you receive has everything you need – follow the directions and return the preaddressed envelope with your DNA sample. Wait... About 3-4 weeks later, your results will be posted to your personal, password protected web page. You can see the people you match, and more information, on your page – more on that later.

Your atDNA makes up the vast majority (over 95%) of your DNA. You get your atDNA from your parents. Your father got his from his parents; your mother got hers from her parents. If you go back 7 generations, everyone has 128 ancestors (5<sup>th</sup> Great grandparents). You get roughly the same amount of DNA from each of these 5G-grandparents - a little less than one percent of your DNA from each of them. Your all-male surname ancestry or your all-female line ancestry, each represent just one of the lines back to your 128 ancestors – those lines are no more important than any other line. All your lines and ancestors should be treated equally, particularly when dealing with atDNA.

The atDNA test looks at over 700,000 places across all of your DNA. Each testing company uses a computer to compare your DNA with all the other DNA samples they've tested so far. The computer looks for big pieces (called **segments**) of your DNA which match someone else's DNA. If there's a matching segment, then the other person is listed on your page. The comparison method is designed so that virtually all of your listed matches are your cousins. Generally, closer cousins will share more, and longer, segments than distant cousins.

This means you and each of your matches share a Common Ancestor. The Common Ancestor is usually a husband and wife, and you descend from one of their children, and your match descends from a different child. You really don't know whether the husband or the wife provided the DNA segment that both you and your match got – it doesn't really matter at this point. This is all you need to know to start out – you and your match are cousins and you share a Common Ancestor. Your job will be to determine who the Common Ancestor is – more on this later.

Notes:

1. Sometimes the Common Ancestor will not be documented by you and/or your match. In this case you will not be able to identify him or her. You can't identify someone you don't know. More later on work-arounds in this situation.

2. At any generation (say 7 generations back, where you have 128 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents) each ancestor is just as likely to be a Common Ancestor as any other. Well in theory anyway. It depends on all the other people who have taken the same DNA test – if you have recent ancestors from the "old country",



you may get fewer (or no) matches on them, because they may not have descendants (other than you) who have taken this DNA test. But in general you should not expect more matches from one ancestor (like your own surname) than from any other ancestor. The same is true for a famous ancestor – they won't show up as a match any more frequently than any other ancestor. The DNA doesn't know what surname it is from, or anything about that person. There is one caveat – families with more children, and thus more descendants, are more likely to have more living descendants, and thus more likely to have someone who has been DNA tested. But starting out, just treat all of your ancestors equally, and look at them all for Common Ancestors with your DNA matches.

**Bottom line 1: your atDNA matches are your cousins from a Common Ancestor.**

**Bottom line 2: you and your cousin share the same segment(s) from a Common Ancestor.**

**Phase I – Get Ready.** Prepare for communicating with your matches

Sharing your ancestry with your DNA matches is essential to finding a Common Ancestor. There are two fundamental ways this is traditionally done, and some additional ideas I'll share with you. You should do this work soon, while you are waiting for your results. You want to be ready on Day 1 when your results are posted. Here are the two essential things you need to prepare:

1. **Family Tree** - this is an essential tool. For atDNA purposes you only need your ancestors. For atDNA purposes, the more ancestors, the better (you never know which ancestor will be a Common Ancestor with a new cousin). Use any software program and create the most complete, up-to-date Family Tree you can. Add in any alternative Ancestors, good guesses, and even info you haven't completely proven from Ancestry, WorldConnect, Family Search, etc. Your matches are only looking for one name in your Family Tree – one they have in their Tree, too. Use this Family Tree to:

A. Create a **GEDcom**. For Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) tests, upload your GEDcom through your Profile page – in this case, your surname list will be generated and uploaded for you, automatically! At FTDNA you can then add dates/places to your surnames, and I highly recommend you take the time to do this! You can also upload your GEDcom to the free sites at WorldConnect, and/or [www.GEDmatch.com](http://www.GEDmatch.com).

the Round Valley country and help eliminate the local Indians.<sup>14</sup> He and his brother Sylvannus became large landowners in northern and southern California.

Edward J. **JACKSON** also turned to the cattle business in association with a colorful western figure known as "the Mustang of the Mountains." Colonel (or Captain) James L. **FREANER** earned notoriety for his part in the Mexican war and somewhat unilateral Peace of Chapultepec. Coming to California with the famous Captain Jack **HAYS** of the Texas Rangers, **FREANER** had followed a career as sometime journalist before throwing in with **JACKSON** to buy cattle. Ned butchered and sold to hungry miners while **FREANER** floated around buying stock until some Indians killed him in 1852.<sup>15</sup>

When Ned wrote to his sister Mary at the beginning of February 1850, he reported the deaths of Cummins and the others. He also said that Indian rustlers had robbed him of \$3000. But there is no evidence to support the rumor that he and his partner conspired to poison the pathetic band of Indians who ate the animals.<sup>16</sup> Still Ned was able to send over \$800 home. He remained in the west for ten years, living in a lonely mountain cabin. Eventually he returned to western Virginia to become the resident squire of the West Fork.<sup>17</sup>

The death of William Lytle **QUEEN** while traveling through the Willamette Valley of Oregon in June 1853 brought the final toll of casualties to six out of fifteen.<sup>18</sup> Losing almost half of the overlanders

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<sup>14</sup> Lywood **CARARANCO** and Estle **BEARD**, Genocide and Vendetta: The Round Valley Wars of Northern California (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1981).

<sup>15</sup> Thomas J. **FARMHAM**, "Nicolas **TWIST** and James **FREANER** and the Mission to Mexico," Arizona and the West XI, 3 (Autumn 1969) 247; DEJ collection.

<sup>16</sup> **MCWHORTER** Collection.

<sup>17</sup> Mary J. **HAYS** letter.

<sup>18</sup> Steven Post **QUEEN**, The **QUEEN** Family, Early History and Family Tree (Parkersburg: 1941).



before winter closed operations.<sup>12</sup> Camping in a kind autumn in a spectacularly beautiful setting should have been a pleasant outing but hundreds of men were working along the shallow streams. The low water was soon muddied and contaminated with the diseases that arrived in the bodies of exhausted overlanders. Field sanitation was beyond the reckoning of most and a diet of meat and bread fostered scurvy. When heavy rains started in November the camps became cesspools. On 18 November cousin Jonathan Ireland died and soon two more cousins succumbed. Shelton **FURR** and Orlando **HAYS** died of cholera. When the **WHITE** brothers became ill, they staggered away from the pesthole hoping to recover in the Sacramento Valley.<sup>13</sup>

Cummins was a hard man but he must have felt the heavy responsibility for bringing those fine young men to their deaths. When the party broke up he and Ned held on at Shasta. It was a fatal determination because the squire of the West Fork contracted typhoid fever, the same diseased that had claimed his older brother David E. **JACKSON** in Tennessee a dozen years before. The symptoms and course of the disease were horrible and lacking medical treatment, a man depended on his strength and constitution to survive. But big Cummins had been worn down by the 3000 mile journey and died on 10 December. At least he had seen the west.

The Virginians disintegrated as a unit. Realizing that business was more promising than grubbing in a muddy creek bottom, in the spring the **WHITE** brothers opened a store at Nevada City and freighted their goods from the Sacramento River landings to the mother lode country. By autumn they had a ferry in operation at Tehama. Ned **JACKSON** held some reservations about how they were able to accumulate so much money in a relatively short time. They returned to Virginia in 1852 but George **WHITE** came back to California to ranch in

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<sup>12</sup> Mary **JACKSON HAYS** to my Dear Cousin, Jane Lew, 17 March 1850, in DEJ collection.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

B. Create a **surname list**. This is an alphabetical list of all your ancestral surnames – as many of them as you can, out to 12 generations. Add some information to each surname (such as the state or time frame). When your results are posted, and you can see your list of DNA matches, you'll be looking at a lot of surnames and GEDcom Trees which your matches have posted (hopefully). They, in turn, will be looking at your information. IMPORTANT: Each of your DNA matches will be looking through long lists of surnames (and/or GEDcoms) for ONE Common Ancestor with you. Make it as easy as you can for them to identify one of your Ancestors as one of their own.

A **SMITH** or **JACKSON** or **HILL** surname is not much help, but: **SMITH** 1670-1800s Orange Co, VA is much more helpful to your matches.

C. Create a **Patriarch list** – this is the most effective way I've found for matches to identify a Common Ancestor. Take your alphabetical list of surnames and add the given name of the Patriarch (e.g. **RUCKER**, Peter). Also add in some date/place information to really make it jump out to a cousin on that line, for example:

**RUCKER**, Peter b 1675; Immigrant, d 1743 Orange Co, VA; descendants in VA thru 1700s

Try to keep each Patriarch to one line, if possible. Indent wrapped lines, so the reader (your probable cousin) will be able to quickly scan down the list of bolded surnames, glance to given names sometimes, really examine the information if it looks promising, and shout AHA! when they recognize their own ancestor on your list.

2. **Standard Email** – one that you can send to each of your DNA matches. Make it brief, but comprehensive. Include a link to your on-line Tree (see Step 1 above). Promise to review any list or Tree they provide to you (and do it). Encourage your DNA matches to reply and share. Be upbeat and include your name and email. Add your Patriarch list at the bottom of the email – make it easy for them to review your Ancestors.

The work in this Phase II will get you ready. Once your results are posted, your DNA matches will be looking at the information that goes with your name; and you'll be looking down your list of matches at all the people who are probably new cousins.

**Phase II – Communicate and Share.** Send an email to every match, encourage them to share.

**Communicate!** Someone has to begin the communication process and sharing. I highly recommend you take the initiative! Email every match using the standard email you prepared in Phase I. It's best at this point to send an individual email to each DNA match. You can amend your Standard Email to add their name, and to comment on any surname you saw in their surname list or GEDcom. I like to include the matches name in the subject line so I can easily recognize any reply that keeps that subject line. Sometimes one Point of Contact (POC) does all the emailing for several people who have taken this test – so a personalized email will help them determine who it's for.

**Be persistent!**

1. Respond to everyone who writes to you.
2. Follow up in a week or two, for those who haven't responded.

Prepare another standard email to encourage them to send you some kind of reply.

3. Some will not have much ancestry documented. You should look over whatever they do have and see if there are any leads on which you could follow-up – a surname with a spelling variant of one of your surnames; a location that is in the right place, at the right time to have lived near one of your ancestors. Search their info for clues.

**Track your info.**

1. I use a Word document to list everyone who confirms with me the Common Ancestor. This way I can keep a running tally
2. I also keep a spreadsheet of DNA match names, emails, etc. At FTDNA you can download this list of names and emails in an Excel spreadsheet. On the Matches page on the bottom right is a place to click for a spreadsheet to download (it comes as a CSV file, but you can save it in almost any format, including Excel).

Accomplish these 2 phases and you'll do fine. You'll meet new cousins and you'll learn new things about your ancestry. I'm working on another Article about more Phases (triangulate among three matches; place/time matching to find new ancestors; what adoptees can do; working segment by segment, etc.) However, I strongly recommend you work for many months on the first three phases. There's plenty to do: **find new cousins; determine Common Ancestor(s)**

Virginia, the place looked like "an odd mixture of squaws, pigs, chickens, cats and rough looking men."<sup>10</sup>

Bear Valley had been the rendezvous where Indians met in gladiatorial contests and fur traders met their resupply. Now the store was at Fort Hall where the Hudson's Bay Company still hung on. The **JACKSONs** probably followed the Snake River as far as Raft River and then turned into a barren, inhospitable country. After passing the City of the Rocks, the California trail followed the Humbolt River, a foul creek where the grass was mowed clean. Then the river disappeared into the sand and there was a forty mile stretch of desert. That dire prospect caused many travelers to swallow the promise of better feed and water on Lassen's cut-off. But the Black Rock desert was a ghastly expanse of basalt outcrops listing like sinking ships in a dead alkaline lake. Only a few wells or boiling springs watered that mid-continental hell. The trail was easy to follow because it was marked by the mummifying carcasses of dead animals. One ox that collapsed in a boiling spring had been cooked to death.<sup>11</sup>

The **JACKSON's** climbed from the devil's anvil into the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, finding pines like they knew from home and then California oak trees. A branch of the Feather River, and Deer Creek led them down to Peter **LASSEN's** ranch on 10 September. They found hundreds of emaciated cattle grazing in the broad meadow and exhausted travelers sprawled in tents. Although they had completed the journey to the Sacramento Valley, the party was a little too late in a crucial race. Five months on the trail proved that packing wasn't that much faster than a light wagon. Three days after they arrived, John **GIBSON** died. The laconic report of his death that returned to Virginia did not mention the specifics. His companions took a week to rest and recover but the fun had gone out of the great adventure.

In late September Cummins and his boys headed toward the Shasta country hoping to have a month or two to make their fortunes

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<sup>10</sup>Alonzo **DELANO**, *Across the Plains and Among the Diggings* (New York: 1936).

<sup>11</sup> Georgia Willis **REED** and Ruth **GAINS**, eds., *Gold Rush Journals of J. Goldsborough Bruff* (New York: 1944).

head of navigation on Budd's Inlet. On this point Edmund SYLVESTER had a land claim and therefore became town-proprietor." But Ulysses JACKSON had turned his back on the founding of Olympia, the future capital of Washington.

#### More About the Cummins Jackson Party of Overlanders

The timing was right because it would take at least a month to get to the plains jumping off places in western Missouri. The JACKSON party took their fine horses but getting a space on river boats was at a premium, and they may have rode overland. They were a little late getting to Independence where an old family friend, David WALDO, had a government contract to haul supplies from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Laramie.<sup>9</sup> His store was a good place to outfit and the JACKSON party appreciated experienced advice about selecting gear. Perhaps they rode with his caravan.

The first pack parties got on the trail by 14 April, carrying feed for their animals until the grass was up. The When the last groups left about the first of June, there were over 22,000 people stretched out in a long mob over eight hundred miles of the former emigrant road. Somewhere in the crowd were fifteen boys from Virginia competing for good campsites and grass for their already worn horses.

Ned's father, David E. JACKSON the fur trader, died without seeing his son but there were old mountaineers along the Sweetwater who surely remembered one of the founders of that business. At Jim BRIDGER's supply post on Black's Fork of the Green, the real thing and his partner Luis VASQUEZ pandered to the pilgrims. Remembering better times, Jim asked the travelers to step down and hear about those halcyon days when the world was young and a man meant something in these parts. He grinned when he learned the name JACKSON because he had been brought west by Ned's father, "Ol' Davy JACKSON. To boys raised in the social proprieties of western

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<sup>9</sup> James W. GOODRICH, "In Earnest Pursuit of Wealth: David WALDO in Missouri and the Southwest, 1820-1878," Missouri Historical Review LXVI, 2 (January 1972).

## Watson Heirs to Mary Watson Negroes Lewis County Deed Book S:194-195

Submitted by N.A. Jackson

Know all men by these present that whereas Mary WATSON of the County of Lewis has a life estate in a negro girl Julia who has four children to wit: Baston, Granville Lucy and Flora, which said negroes (sic) at her death are to be equally divided among the children and heirs of the said Mary –and the said children and heirs at law of the said Mary being of Lawfull age and the said Mary desiring a division of said slaves and whereas the said Mary has the following children and heirs at Law to wit: William A. WATSON, James W. WATSON, Edwin A. WATSON, Sarah C. WATSON, Mary E wife of Martin FOX, Mantra A. Wife of Washington WOODYARD, Permelia F. wife of Jacob J. JACKSON and Melvina H. wife of William L. SMITH, and whereas William A. WATSON became the purchaser by the consent of the said Mary of the interest of the said Edwin A. Melvina H, and Martha A. as will more fully appear by the deeds recorded in the Clerks office of the County Court of Lewis County which entitled the same William A. WATSON to one moyety sic of said Negroes and whereas the said William A. WATSON, James W. WATSON, Sarah C. WATSON, Martin FOX & wife Jacob J. JACKSON & wife by & with the consent of the said Mary WATSON valued the said Negroes sic and divided the said Negroes sic as follows to wit Julie at eight hundred and fifty dollars, Baton at Five hundred dollars Granville at four hundred dollars, Lucy at three hundred and fifty and Flora at Two Hundred and fifty and then divide as follows William A WATSON, being entitled to one moyety sic thereof took the woman Julia at \$850 and Baston at \$500 and pays Jacob J. JACKSON one hundred and fifty dollars he and his wife agreeing to take their portion to wit: three hundred dollars in Money-That being said William A. WATSON share in said Negroes, and James W WATSON takes the girl Lucy as his share of said Negroes and pays said Sarah C. Fifty dollars- and said Sarah C. WATSON takes Flora and the fifty dollars of James W WATSON as her share of said Negroes, and the said Mary E. FOX and Martin FOX takes Granville and pays Jacob J. JACKSON and wife one hundred and fifty dollars as their share of said Negroes and Jacob J. JACKSON and Permelia F. his wife takes the one hundred and fifty dollars of William A.

**WATSON** and the like sum of Martin **FOX** Making the whole Three hundred dollars as their share of said Negroes.  
Now deed Witnesseth, that the said Mary **WATSON**, William A. **WATSON**, James W. **WATSON**, Sarah C. **WATSON**, Martin **FOX** and Mary E. his wife, Jacob J. **JACKSON** and Permella F his wife each and severally binde themselves unto the other to abide by the division here above set forth, and do each and severally binde themselves their heirs & c to relinquish to each other all their shares in said Negroes, and Money, except what is set a part to each one separately that they May each and severally have in same  
Given under our hands & seals this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1854.

Mary **WATSON**  
Wm A **WATSON**  
James W **WATSON**  
Sarah C. **WATSON**  
Martin **FOX**  
Mary E **FOX**  
Jacob J **JACKSON**  
Permella Francis **JACKSON**  
(All above set their seal.)

Following this on several pages are documentations of the parties appearing in court and being examined.

Also submitted by submitted by N.A. **JACKSON**:

**Cecilia B. McNulty to Clark W. McNulty  
Lewis County Deed Book E: 318-319  
Transcribed by Nancy Jackson**

Know all Men by these presents whereas Clark **WINANS** of Tioga County in the State of New York deceased by his Will and Testament in writing did ( among other things) gives bequeath to unto his two Grand Daughters & Grandson to wit Cecelia B. **MCNULTY** Clark W **MCNULTY** and Marietta **MCNULTY** Children of his Daughter Anne deceased and late the wife of William **MCNULTY** (the said Marietta now the wife of Marshall **LORENTZ**) all of the County of Lewis and State of Virginia a certain Legacy to be paid to the said Cecelia **CLARK** and Marietta (now

dredged up to work the *Orbit* would not have been the cream of the sea. Voyaging along the Pacific coast during the beginning of the winter storm season can be a trying test of seamanship. Navigating through the Strait of Juan de Fuca and through the sound itself to its extreme with not all that accurate charts was another risk. The *Orbit* worked south through Puget Sound and anchored sometime before 12 January 1850. The head of Budd Inlet was mostly mud flats threaded by the Deschutes River.

**SYLVESTER** found that community organization was just as confused as he left. Dissatisfied with the scattered land claims, he and several other settlers decided to create a new Euro-American community on the shores of Budd Inlet by making use of the abundant natural resources of the area, especially timber which should fetch a good price in California.

All but Ulysses **JACKSON**, who already had a foothold on the north Tualatin Plains of Oregon where his brother John B. was settled there and developing mills. **JACKSON** immediately sold his share of the boat to the Tumwater pioneer Michael T. **SIMMONS** and followed the Cowlitz trail back to Oregon. That was a shorter and far easier passage than re-crossing the Sikiyou Mountains. The gold in his poke provided capital for the investment in the boat which he recovered when he resold it to **SIMMONS**. A free trip home. So Ulysses **JACKSON**'s maritime experience only lasted for a couple of months but it could be said that he returned as a prosperous ship own. He had the good sense to get out of what turned out to be not all that successful a maritime endeavor for the other partners.<sup>8</sup>

Pioneer John M. **SWAN** described the founding of Olympia. "At a mutual consultation held by [Michael T.] **SIMMONS**, [Isaac N.] **EBEY**, [John M.] **SWAN**, [Benjamin F.] **SHAW**, [Edmund] **SYLVESTER**, [Charles H.] **SMITH**, and [Henry] **MURRAY** on January 12 [1850], it was decided to locate the future town on that certain point of land at the

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<sup>8</sup>Discovery of this interesting addition to what is known about Ulysses was made by Lacy Historian Drew **CROOKS** and presented on 24 October 2002 in his presentation "Voyages of the Brig *Orbit/Recovery*: Maritime Adventures and Misadventures in the Mid-Nineteenth Century."

No family legend recalls that Ulysses accumulated a fabulous fortune at the mines, or even what he did. However, the recent overlander must have filled a poke and realized that was enough to get a start back in Oregon. Just a year after he had arrived in the west Ulysses became a ship owner.

Two overlanders of 1846, Edmund **SYLVESTER** and Levi Lathrop **SMITH**, had settled around the lower end of Puget Sound.

**SYLVESTER** staked a claim inland on the edge of Chamber's Prairie and **SMITH** selected an area at the head of Budd Inlet. But **SMITH** drowned in 1848 when his canoe capsized and his partner, **SYLVESTER** inherited the claim and moved to the waterfront. In 1849, **SYLVESTER**, like many other pioneers, temporarily abandoned his claim and headed for the California mines with a bad case of the prevailing gold fever.

**SYLVESTER** failed to find his fortune in California but must have had some thoughts about developing the Budd Inlet claim. On 25 October 1849 at San Francisco he was one of six partners who completed certificate of registration number 32 for the ship *Orbit*. Built on the east coast and rounding the horn with a load of gold rushers, *Orbit* was probably anchored and abandoned in the San Francisco harbor when the passengers and crew hurried off to the diggings. The Oregonians had at least six months to fill their pokes. Greed was rampant but they had skimmed enough and wanted to go home before the terrible conditions developing in the mines got them. They were men destined to become associated in the development of the Puget Sound region: Isaac N. **EBEY**, Andrew I. **MOORE**, Alonzo M. **POE**, Benjamin F. **SHAW**, Edmond **SYLVESTER** and one who only wanted to get back to Washington County, Ulysses **JACKSON**.<sup>7</sup> Pooling their resources they bought *Orbit* for \$2500 and completed the necessary formalities with San Francisco Certificate and Registration Number 32.

They were an odd collection of seafarers when *Orbit* sailed. Many of the passengers and crew members were disappointed miners recovering from medical problems caused by harsh living conditions. However the six partners were overlanders not seamen. The crew they

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<sup>7</sup>Certificate of Registration Number 32, brig *Orbit*, Maritime Inspection and Navigation files, RG 041, NARA.

the wife of Marshall **LORENTZ** ) as in and by said will & Testament will more fully appear now. Know ye that we the said Cecelia B. **MCNULTY** Marshall **LORENTZ** and Marietta his wife (late Marietta **MCNULTY**) have made ordained, constituted and appoint our Brother the said Clark W **MCNULTY** our true and lawful attorney for us and in our and each of our names and for our use and benefits to ask demand and receive of and from the Executor or Executors of the last will and Testament of the \_named Clark **WINANS** or of such other person or persons who is or are authorized to pay the Same all such Legacy or sum or sums of money given and bequeathed to us or either of us by the said last will of the said Clark **WINANS** as aforesaid and upon receipt thereof by or payment thereof to our said attorney a general release or discharge for us or either of us to so make Execute and Deliver hereby ratifying confirming and allowing whatever our said attorney shall Lawfully do in the premises. In witness whereof the said Cecelia B. **MCNULTY** Marshall **LORENTZ** and Marietta his wife have hereto set their hand and seals the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834.

Sig Seal & deliver  
(seal)

Cecelia B. **MCNULTY**

in presence of

Marshall **LORENTZ** (seal)  
Marietta **LORENTZ** (seal)

Be it Known That on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1834 before me came Cecelia B. **MCNULTY** Marshall **LORENTZ** and Marietta **LORENTZ** (his wife) acknowledged the within Letter of attorney to be their act and due In Testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal the day and year Last aforesaid

Simon **ROHRBAUGH** J.P. (seal)

Lewis County Court Clerks office May the 6<sup>th</sup> 1834 this power if attorney with the certificate thereto annexed was presented in said office & admitted to record

Teste

J. Talbott C\_ C

Note: William **MCNULTY** mentioned above married 2) Elizabeth Cozad **JACKSON**, widow of John **JACKSON** Jr. Cecelia B. **MCNULTY** married George Riley **JACKSON**, son of John **JACKSON** Jr,

# Old Occupations Explained

Submitted by Jo Fortney

- Accomptant -- Accountant
- Almoner -- Giver of charity to the needy
- Amanuensis -- Secretary or stenographer
- Artificer -- A soldier mechanic who does repairs
- Bailie -- Bailiff
- Baxter -- Baker
- Bluestocking -- Female writer
- Boniface -- Keeper of an inn
- Brazier -- One who works with brass
- Brewster -- Beer manufacturer
- Brightsmith -- Metal Worker
- Burgonmaster -- Mayor
- Caulker -- One who filled up cracks (in ships or windows or seems to them watertight by using tar or oakum-hemp fiber produced by taking old ropes apart
- Chaisemaker -- Carriage maker
- Chandler -- Dealer or trader; one who makes or sells candles; retailer of groceries
- Chiffonnier -- Wig maker
- Clark -- Clerk
- Clerk -- Clergyman, cleric
- Clicker -- The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; one who received the matter in the galley from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing; one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicked.
- Cohen -- Priest (descendant of Levi)
- Collier -- Coal miner
- Colporteur -- Peddler of books
- Cooper -- One who makes or repairs vessels made of staves and hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.
- Cordwainer -- Shoemaker, originally any leather worker using leather from Cordova/Cordoba in Spain
- Costermonger -- Peddler of fruits and vegetables
- Crocker -- Potter
- Crowner -- Coroner

his kinsmen were adventuring, Cummins had never been more than a few miles beyond Ste. Genevieve.<sup>5</sup>

During the summer 1848 military couriers were racing across the neck of Panama and riding east over the great plains with the electrifying news that gold had been discovered in California. By autumn easterners believed that a bonanza of unbelievable proportions was just lying in the stream beds of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. During the winter newspapers inflated the news into an infectious hysteria. In the western Virginia hill country, young men saw their prospects blocked by narrow valleys and hilly stump farms. It was not surprising that a group of prospective miners coalesced at their usual haunt near Cummins **JACKSON's** racetrack. Given his appreciation of the main chance and personal longing to see the west, it was the disreputable squire who became the rallying point for a party that included fifteen near or not so near kinsmen.

One **JACKSON** had a head start on the California gold rush. Ulysses **JACKSON**, Uncle Henry **JACKSON's** second son, followed his brother John B. **JACKSON** to Oregon in 1848. The overland wagon party he accompanied arrived in Oregon City in October, just six weeks or so since the first news arrived of gold in California. Just back from a war with the Cayuse Indians the manhood of the pioneer country took off for the diggings. Ulysses was on the trail again, up the Willamette Valley and across the Siskiyou Mountains to the gold fields.

There is a slim possibility that Ulysses sent a letter home informing his father Henry **JACKSON** of the diversion to California. That may explain why Henry took the opportunity to send a letter to his sons, Ulysses and John B. **JACKSON** in Oregon, with the party being organized to ride overland to the California gold fields. On 1 April 1849 he wrote, "Cummins E. **JACKSON**, Edw. J. **JACKSON**, John **GIBSON** and several others starts tomorrow for Californy to the gold region that has created a wonderment over almost the whole world."<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Family letters collected by Carl D. W. **HAYS**, The David E. **JACKSON** Collection, American Heritage Center, Laramie, Wyoming; Western **JACKSON** family papers, copies in possession of the author.

<sup>6</sup> Western **JACKSON** family papers.

That unflattering portrait missed the depth of character that kept Cummins at home caring for an aging father while his older brothers rode off to western adventures. He was the mentor for two of the neglected sons of his fur trader brother, David E. **JACKSON**. Perhaps he was a bit too protective of the two sons of his dead brother, the lawyer Jonathan **JACKSON**. Warren and Thomas J. **JACKSON** lived with their grandfather Edward **JACKSON** at Jackson Mill. After grandfather's death their mother tried to reclaim them from Cummins and James Madison who were determined that the seven year old Tom was not going to be apprentice to a cabinet maker. Young Tom rode as a jockey in the races staged at the mill and knew the squire as a hearty fellow who could lift a barrel of hard cider and drink from the bung.<sup>3</sup> The memories that Stonewall retained were appreciative and uncritical. Cummins was surely gratified when his West Point educated ward received a brevet for bravery during the recent Mexican war. In 1831 Cummins went west to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri to attend his dying brother, George E. **JACKSON**, and cooperate with David in protecting his estate from probate. The fur trader had recently returned from eight years in the Rocky Mountains and was preparing for a new venture in the Santa Fe trade. If things developed he was even considering a trip to California to initiate a transcontinental stock trade.<sup>4</sup> In the brief time they were together David gave Cummins a large dose of the western potential. But Cummins returned to the mundane life of a hill country planter. For the next eighteen years Cummins retained that image of the golden promise of the west while other family members succumbed to the pull. Eight years before his youngest brother John E. **JACKSON** took his young wife and baby to Missouri. Then two of Uncle Henry **JACKSON**'s boys followed the overland trail to Oregon. Even his wards Warren and Tom spent a Sawyeresque summer on an island in the Mississippi River cutting wood to sell to passing steamboats. While

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<sup>3</sup> Anna **JACKSON** memoirs.

<sup>4</sup> John C. **JACKSON**, Shadow on the Tetons: David E. **JACKSON** and the Claiming of the American West (Missoula: Mountain Press Publishing Company, 1993).

- Currier -- One who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb; one who tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease
- Docker -- Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo
- Dowser -- One who finds water using a rod or witching stick
- Draper -- A dealer in dry goods
- Drayman -- One who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads
- Dresser -- A surgeon's assistant in a hospital
- Drover -- One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle
- Duffer -- Peddler
- Factor -- Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate Farrier A blacksmith, one who shoes horses
- Faulkner -- Falconer
- Fell monger -- One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making
- Fletcher -- One who made bows and arrows
- Fuller -- One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating, and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth
- Gaoler -- A keeper of the goal, a jailer
- Glazier -- Window glassman
- Hacker -- Maker of hoes
- Hatcheler -- One who combed out or carded flax
- Haymonger -- Dealer in hay
- Hayward -- Keeper of fences
- Higgler -- Itinerant peddler
- Hillier -- Roof tiler
- Hind -- A farm laborer
- Hostler -- A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn
- Hooker -- Reaper
- Hooper -- One who made hoops for casks and barrels
- Huckster -- Sells small wares
- Husbandman -- A farmer who cultivated the land
- Jagger -- Fish peddler
- Journeyman -- One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day
- Joyner / Joiner A skilled carpenter
- Keeler -- Bargeman



- Kempster -- Wool comber
- Lardner -- Keeper of the cupboard
- Lavender -- Washer woman
- Lederer -- Leather maker
- Leech -- Physician
- Longshoreman -- Stevedore
- Lormer -- Maker of horse gear
- Malender -- Farmer
- Maltster -- Brewer
- Manciple -- A steward
- Mason -- Bricklayer
- Mintmaster -- One who issued local currency
- Monger -- Seller of goods (ale, fish)
- Muleskinner -- Teamster
- Neatherder -- Herds cows
- Ordinary Keeper -- Innkeeper with fixed prices
- Pattern Maker -- A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end
- Peregrinator-- Itinerant wanderer
- Peruker -- A wig maker
- Pettifogger -- A shyster lawyer
- Pigman -- Crockery dealer
- Plumber -- One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows.
- Porter -- Door keeper
- Puddler -- Wrought iron worker
- Quarrier -- Quarry worker
- Rigger -- Hoist tackle worker
- Ripper -- Seller of fish
- Roper -- Maker of rope or nets
- Saddler -- One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses
- Sawbones -- Physician
- Sawyer -- One who saws; carpenter
- Schumacker -- Shoemaker
- Scribler -- A minor or worthless author
- Scrivener -- Professional or public copyist or writer; notary public
- Scrutiner -- Election judge
- Shrieve -- Sheriff
- Slater -- Roofer

## SOME WESTERN VIRGINIA FORTY-NINERS

Submitted by John C. JACKSON

The qualities of character that shaped the thinking of the renowned tactician, Lt. General Thomas J. **JACKSON**, CSA, were no accident. He came from a family of hill country pioneers who had learned how to seize the moment and waste little in reflection. Stonewall's mentor was cast from that mold. Cummins E. **JACKSON** was usually content with the trouble he could stir up around his rude barony on the West Fork of the Monongahela River but in the spring 1849 his love of litigation got him in a little too deep. Big Cummins was open to anything that would let the legal feuds cool off.

The deaths of three older brothers left Cummins with the hill lands and basic industries of his father, Colonel Edward **JACKSON**. The son was a good businessman who improved the valuable estate in Lewis County, Virginia. He was described as a forty-nine year old bachelor of lofty stature and athletic frame, full of rugged energy. Like others of the clan he had a strong will and independent set of mind, tending to do what he thought he should no matter who got hurt. As the largest landholder in the county he could afford to be liberal to poor neighbors but a bitter, unforgiving enemy to those who offended him and found themselves hauled into court.<sup>1</sup> Paper contracts were not necessarily legally binding as far as **JACKSON** was concerned as he was a man of his voluntary word. Jealous neighbors spread rumors that he counterfeited lead coins which were hidden in holes bored into the logs of the old two story log house. Indignant preachers, offended by his view that backwoods religion was the resort of the poorer classes, accused Cummins of being entirely devoid of Christianity.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Anna (Morrison) **JACKSON**, Memoirs of Stonewall JACKSON (Louisville: 1895).

<sup>2</sup> MCWHORTER to Roy Bird Cook, 29 December 1916, MCWHORTER Collection No. 544, Washington State University Archives MS; Robert L. Dabney, Life and Campaigns of Lieutenant-General Thomas J. JACKSON (New York: 1866).

Col Jonathan **JACKSON** Departed this life the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1826 in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of his age  
 Edward **JACKSON** Sen departed this life Dec<sup>m</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>, 1828 at 20 minutes past 7 o'clock, aged 69 years 9 months & 5 days  
 George E. **JACKSON** departed this Life March 26<sup>th</sup> 1831 at eight o'clock in the Evening  
 Elizabeth **JACKSON** [very faint] Slept in Christ August 19<sup>th</sup> 1835  
 She expired 14 minutes before twelve o'clock...  
 Aged 57 years 7 Months and 8 days [this entry is very faint]  
 Return M **JACKSON** departed this life on [entry very faint – death been recorded as July 6, 1835] 6 July... 11 o'clock A.M.  
 Edward **JACKSON** Jr. departed this life Sat the 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 1848 aged 30 years 11 months and 22 days.  
 Eliza **CARPENTER** departed This life The 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1849  
 Cummins E **JACKSON** departed this life on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec 1849.  
 Andrew **JACKSON** Departed this life on the 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1867.  
 James M **JACKSON** departed this life October 27<sup>th</sup> 1872  
 John E **JACKSON** Departed this life July 18<sup>th</sup> 1875  
 Caty **WHITE** Departed this life December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1876  
 Mary H. **BRAKE** departed this life August 30, 1840  
 Rebecca **WHITE** died July 18<sup>th</sup> 1887 aged 93 yrs 10 m 3 days

- Slopseller -- Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop
- Snobscat/Snob -- One who repaired shoes
- Sorter -- Tailor
- Spinster -- A woman who spins or an unmarried woman
- Spurrer -- Maker of spurs
- Squire -- Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace
- Stuff gown -- Junior barrister
- Stuff gownsman -- Junior barrister
- Supercargo -- Officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship
- Tanner -- One who tans (cures) animal hides into leather
- Tapley -- One who puts the tap in an ale cask
- Tasker -- Reaper
- Teamster -- One who drives a team for hauling
- Thatcher -- Roofer
- Tide waiter -- Customs inspector
- Tinker -- An itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman
- Tipstaff -- Policeman
- Travers -- Toll bridge collection
- Tucker -- Cleaner of cloth goods
- Turner -- A person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles
- Victualer -- A tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food
- Vulcan -- Blacksmith
- Wagoner -- Teamster not for hire
- Wainwright -- Wagon maker
- Waiter -- Customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in
- Waterman -- Boatman who plies for hire
- Webster -- Operator of looms
- Wharfinger -- Owner of a wharf
- Wheelwright -- One who made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc.
- Whitesmith -- Tinsmith; worker of iron who finishes or polishes the work
- Whitewing -- Street sweeper
- Whitster -- Bleach of cloth
- Wright -- Workman, especially a construction worker
- Yeoman -- Farmer who owns his own land

## PROS & CONS ON INTERNET RESEARCH

Editor's Note: The following is conversation on the HCPD Rootsweb Mailing List. I thought the ladies' various points of view would be of interest to our members – whether they are HCPD List member or not. I have changed the punctuation but not the content of the mail.

On Jun 8, 2012, at 6:42 PM, "Jane BOUCHER" <[valjan@ptd.net](mailto:valjan@ptd.net)> wrote:

Is anybody but me ever irritated at Ancestry.com?. Its what now abt 38 bucks a month. That's what I have heard. I don't get it, To me it gets half their stuff from free records and private people and then charges for it. Like taking the Free ROOTSWEB, home page that used to have Soc Sec death benefits for free, I used it for years, now its for Pay under ancestry.com

And yes I know you can find these Soc sec records for free under familysearch.org. There it is updated thru Oct 2011. It just bogs my mind the way ancestry.com charges for so many things that you can get for free everywhere else online, I may have to get it one day if they keep charging for everything under the sun; but I don't like the premise of it - you know sharing info for a price, from people who share for nothing.

Thanks for posting the story, Bette, I did read it. No wonder their revenue and profits have climbed, didn't they raise the rates for everyone. ?.

Jane BOUCHER.

Ancestry is a great website with one-stop shopping plus networking opportunities. Their phone app makes it easy to take photos of headstones and documents and post them immediately to your tree. An enterprising group of Americans have put together a website that is helpful for the hobbyist as well as the serious genealogist and make money at it. What's wrong with that?

As I sit at a Orioles vs Phillies baseball game, where the average seat for one game is \$60.00, I appreciate all I can find on Ancestry for \$38/month.

Cecily KELLY  
[cecilyk@gmail.com](mailto:cecilyk@gmail.com)

## Col. Edward Jackson Bible

Transcribed from copies of the original pages of the Bible  
By Linda B. Meyers –  
Bible descended through James Madison JACKSON Family  
Family Record  
Births

Edward JACKSON was born the first of March 1759.  
Mary HADDAN 15 May 1764  
Elizabeth BRAKE 11<sup>th</sup> January 1778  
George JACKSON 23 Dec 1786  
David JACKSON 30 Oct in year of our Lord 1788  
Jonathan JACKSON 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 1790  
Rachel JACKSON 3 July 1792  
Mary JACKSON 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1794  
Rebecca JACKSON 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1795  
Caty JACKSON 25 July 1800  
Commons (sic) JACKSON the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1802  
James Madison JACKSON 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1805  
Elise Born April 6<sup>th</sup> 1807  
John the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1810  
Peggy the 3 February 1812  
Return Meggs JACKSON 15 March 1814  
Edward JACKSON Jr. Born 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1817  
Andrew JACKSON 16<sup>th</sup> March 1821

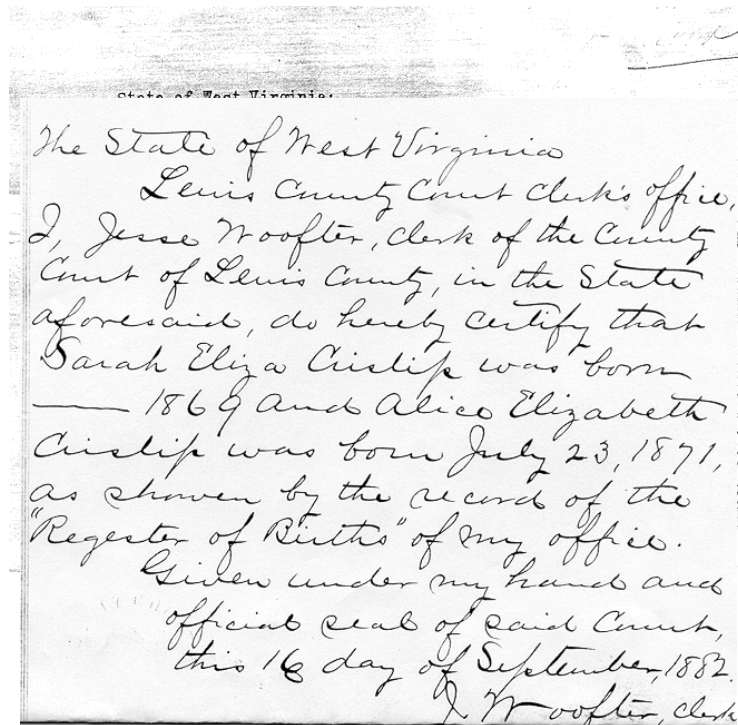
### Marriages

Edward JACKSON & Mary HADDAN were married on the 13 Oct. 1783  
Edward JACKSON & Elizabeth BRAKE were married 13 Oct 1799  
James M. JACKSON was married to Eleanor LAW 4<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> >) day Dec 1836  
John WHITE & Catherine JACKSON were married the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1824  
The next two entries are very faint:  
Nicholas CARPENTER and Eliza JACKSON married the 30<sup>th</sup> July 1930??  
Jonah HALL & Peggy JACKSON were married on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1833

### Family Record Col. Ed. JACKSON Deaths

Mary wife of Edward JACKSON Died the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1796 in the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of her age

I am writing to you notifying you of Mary V MCCLAIN death. She died



on the seventh day of April nineteen and nineteen.

Her last pension check was \$25.00 Mary Victoria was buried beside her husbands in the Anderson Family Cemetery. In 1930 the cemetery was still visible from the road but today it is over grown with weeds and new tree growth. Alvin's stone has been broken from its base but is still in good condition.

## Alvin D. Crislip and Mary Victoria Anderson My Great Grandparents

By Linda B. MEYERS

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#### Alvin's Service Record

March 16, 1881 War department – Adjutant General's Office

Acknowledgement of Pension Claim 272 179

It appears from the Rolls on file in the Office that Oliver D. CRISLIP a Private on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June 1863 at Phillippi W. Va in Co. H 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of W. Virginia Infantry Volunteers to serve three years.

- ◆ On the Muster Roll of Co. H. of that Regiment for the months of May and June 1863 to Feb 29, 1864
- ◆ April 30, 1864 absent sick in Barbour Co. W. Va since April 27, 1864
- ◆ June 30 1864 present
- ◆ August 31 1864 absent sick in U. S. Hospital Grafton W. Va since July 24 1864
- ◆ October 31 1864 same
- ◆ December 31 1864 present
- ◆ Subsequent muster rolls of Co not on file
- ◆ Mustered out with the Company August 9, 1865 at Richmond, Va as Pvt. Alvin D. CRISLIP
- ◆ Regimental returns January to May 1865 inclusive do not report him absent.
- ◆ June 1865 not on file
- ◆ July 1865 not reported absent
- ◆ Nature of sickness in April '64 and in July '64 not stated

#### Birth of Alvin's Daughters

August 4, 1882 - Upshur County, WV Clerk C. C. F. MCWHORTER, Depositions of Sarah A. TOMS and Barbara Ann CRISLIP [wife of Perry Green CRISLIP]

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1882 personally appeared before me .... Sarah A. Toms age 55 years, a resident of Walkersville, in the County of Lewis and State of West Virginia and Barbara Ann **CRISLIP**, age 46 years, a resident of Walkersville in said County of Lewis, Who being duly sworn say, That they were personally acquainted with Alvin D. **CRISLIP** of Deceased. And Known him to be the Father of Sarah E. and Alice E. **CRISLIP**, being the only two children born to the said Alvin D. **CRISLIP** and his wife Mary V. **CRISLIP**, during the life time of the said Alvin D. **CRISLIP**, he never had been previously married, and that he died Sometime in the month of February 1872, And that his said widow Mary V. **CRISLIP** remarried with Hazel R. **MCCLAIN** in the month of February 1879. And that affiant Barbara Ann **CRISLIP** says that she was present at the birth of Sarah E. **CRISLIP** one of said children which took place on 15 July 1869. And that affiant Sarah A. **TOMS** says that She was present at the birth of Alice E. **CRISLIP** which took place on or about the 23 day of July 1870. And further affiants further say that they have no interest in the prosecution of the claim.



#### Alvin's Health Record:

August 5, 1882 – War Department – Surgeon General's Office #113941 – Washington, DC

I have the honor to return herewith your request for a report of hospital treatment in Claim No. 273179 with such information as is furnished by the records filed in this office, viz: that Pvt. Alvin D. **CRISLIP**, Co. H. 10<sup>th</sup> Va Vols, was admitted to G. H. Cumberland, Md, July 25, '64, from fiets with Acute Diarrhrea, and transferred Sept 24, '64 - Was admitted to S. H. Grafton, W.Va, Sept 25, '64 (name: Alvin D. **CRISLIP**) with Diarrhea, and returned to duty Nov. 26, '64...the records of the Regiment are not on file subsequent to June 15, '63.

Benj. F. Pope Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army

children at Jefferson, Ohio, and about one year with my son Ira R. **MCCLAIN** at Sunnyside, Cumberland County, Va., from February to November, 1910.

I have had no regular occupation, and no means of support but my own labor, since the death of Mr. **MCCLAIN**, and have lived with my children and worked with them during this time.

All the places that I gave as my places of residence in a former affidavit are in Lewis and Braxton Counties, except Jefferson, Ohio, which is in the State of Ohio.

All the following persons have known me since before my first marriage, and most of them were raised in the same neighborhood with me, and they all have lived in this locality all this time, and have been well acquainted with both my husbands during the time I was married to them; John **MCCUTCHEON**, John **PICKENS**, Jonathan **PICKENS**, and John **CRAWFORD**, Duffy, W. VA.; Robert **REGAR**, Preston **CRAWFORD**, Minor **MCCRAY**, Letcher **CUNNINGHAM**, and Samuel **BYRD**, Ireland, W. Va.

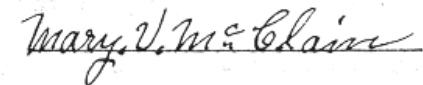
The only mistake I see in this affidavit is the place of the discharge of Alvin D. **CRISLIP**, which is stated as Beverly. W. Va., but that should read that "he was enrolled at Beverly W. Va. "

I don't know where he was discharged, and have no memorandum to show where that took place. I have his bronze medal given him by the State of West Virginia which I think give the place, but cannot find that now.

I never had a certificate for my second marriage, either.

I am satisfied with this examination, and have no complaint to make, Do not desire any notice of further examination, and do not wish to be present at the taking of further testimony in the case.

I have heard this deposition read and it is correct.



#### Death of Mary Victoria

May 15, 1919 – Letter from L. W. **MCCLAIN** – Executor

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were living in Lewis County, W. Va., Ireland was our postoffice, but sometimes we received mail at Walkersville.

I was pensioned as his widow from the time of his death till I was remarried to Hazel R. **MCCLAIN** on February 1, 1879.

I was living at my own home at the time, and that is where we were married, in Lewis County, W. Va., four miles up the West Branch of the Monongahela River. His full name was Hazel Rhodes **MCCLAIN**, and he had never been married before. I was never married to anyone between the date of the death of Mr. **CRISLIP** and my marriage to Mr. **MCCLAIN**, We had to have a license for this marriage, and it is my impression that the license was gotten by James Burbridge, who after that moved to Missouri and has since died. That license was taken out in Lewis County. Hazel R. **MCCLAIN** was never in the U. S. service.

Hazel R. **MCCLAIN** died August 4, 1895, and we were living two miles west of Duffy W. VA. on a farm at the time of his death.

My children by my first marriage are Sarah Eliza, now **HEATON**, Jefferson, Ohio R. D. 2; Alice Elizabeth, now **BRAKE**, Jefferson, Ohio, R. D. 4. By my second marriage, Leslie Wade, Holly Grove, W. VA.; Mary Virginia, now **ANCELL, GREGORY**, W. VA.; Ira Rhodes, Jefferson, Ohio, R. D. 4; Arthie Maud **SKINNER**, Hettie, W. Va. This last one is my youngest child, and I am now making my home with her.

The minister who married me to Hazel R. **MCCLAIN** was Rev. William C. **LEECH**, of the Southern Methodist Church.

I have no children now under 16 years of age, and those named above are the only ones now living.

Those are the only marriages I have had, and I have not remarried since the death of Hazel R. **MCCLAIN**. Mr. **MCCLAIN** and I were never separated or divorced and we always lived together till his death.

Alvin D. **CRISLIP** had never been married before his marriage to me, to my knowledge, and he was born and raised in Barber County, W. Va. My father has been dead 37 years and mother 40 years.

I have lived all my life in Lewis and Braxton Counties, W. Va. except as follows: When I was first married to Mr. **CRISLIP** he and I lived about one year in Barber County, W. Va., from the time of our marriage till the fall of 1869, Bernardsville P. O. Then after the death of Mr. **MCCLAIN** I lived about a year at a time two different times with my

Sept 21, 1882 – Medical Evidence – Dr. G. A. **NEWLON**, M. D. – Upshur Co., W. VA

Treated Alvin D. **CRISLIP** late a Pvt. In Co. H., 10<sup>th</sup> WV Vols. "That he treated said private some time in the year 1866 for a lung trouble. And said treatment was continued at various times until the year 1871. His disease resulted in Pulmonary consumption which was the final cause of death.

#### Death of Alvin

August 28, 1883 Sarah A. Toms deposition

State of West Virginia County of Lewis in the matter of P. G. **CRISLIP** guardian [sic] for Sarah E. **CRISLIP** and Alice E. **CRISLIP** Children of Alvin D. **CRISLIP** a Private Soldier of Co. H. WVA Volunteer Inf.

Personally came before me a Notary Public in and for the State and County afore Said Sarah A. **TOMS** aged 50 years whos P O address is Ireland W Va Lewis County.

"I lived a neare neighbor to the above named Soldier Alvin D. **CRISLIP** about two years and was present when he died witch was on the 24 day of february 1872

I have no intrust in this claim direct or indirect."

Signed by Sarah A. **TOMS** before Wm H. **BLAND**

#### Surrender of Bond for Perry G. CRISLIP

May 7, 1885 – Office of C. C. F. **MCWHORTER**, Upshur Co., WV  
Surrender of Bond

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1880 Perry G. **CRISLIP** was appointed and qualified in due form of law before as guardian for Sarah E. and Alice E. **CRISLIP** and gave the Bond required by Law as such guardian.

Your are hereby notified that Minter J. **MARPLE** the sole Surety on said guardian Bond of said **CRISLIP** has this day appeared before me a surrendered his said Suretyship and a Rule has been issued against said guardian to execute a new Bond with other surety thereon and as said guardian has a Pension claim now pending before your department on behalf of the said heirs it is respectfully suggested that no voucher be issued to said guardian by the Dept. if claim should be allowed until said guardian has given such new Bond has been given by said guardian. I think this step right for the protection of the interest of said children inasmuch as his surety seems to doubt the propriety of

remaining any longer as his bondsman on the ground that there is a possibility of his miss appropriating such funds. How true this is I am not able to say. On behalf of said children I ask that prompt action herein be taken by your Dept.

July Term – 1885 Court of Upshur County: Minter F. **MARPLE** vs. Perry G. **CRISLIP** Guardian for the heirs of Alvin D. **CRISLIP**, dec'd: upon a Rule for a new Bond security

This day personally came the said Perry G. **CRISLIP** guardian aforesaid in answer to rule issued against him by the Clerk of the Court and refused to give such new Bond. It is therefore ordered that his powers as such Guardian be and are hereby revoked and annulled.

A true copy from the record on file in my said office.

Teste: C. C. F. **MCWHORTER**,

Clerk

### **New Guardianship**

October 15, 1886 – Letter Ref. J. **STRADER** – Guardian – Minors #273179

From Clerks Office of Lewis County, WV.

This day personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk in said Office, Sarah Eliza **CRISLIP** and Alice Elizabeth **CRISLIP** infants over the age of fourteen years and children and heirs at law of Alvin D. **CRISLIP** deceased and nominated James A. **STRADER** as their Guardian. Therefore, the said James A. **STRADER** was appointed as such Guardian by said Clerk. Whereupon, the said James A. **STRADER** together with Hazel R. **MCCLAIN** as his surety entered into and acknowledged two separate bonds each in the penalty of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, payable to the State of West Virginia and conditioned according to law which bond was approved and deemed sufficient. And upon the said, James A. **STRADER** was qualified as such Guardian by taking the oath prescribed by law.

Attest: E. A. **BENNETT**,

Clerk

### **Insufficient Bond – Alice E. CRISLIP**

December 23, 1890 Letter from Alice E. **CRISLIP** to Sidney **WILLSON**

on April 21, 1843, Jemima on April 27, 1845, Mary Victoria (myself) on May 27, 1847. This copy was written for my by a nephew of mine. (On the fly leaf of this book is written. "A. D. **CRISLIP**'s Book, Bought of S. H. **TOUSEN** Oct. 16, 1869." RMW., Spl. Exr.)

My brother William D. **ANDERSON** lives at Walkersville, W. Va. and my brother Lorenzo D. lives two miles this side of that place, but I don't know whether his postoffice is Walkersville or Crawford.

I think one of them has my father's family Bible, but am not sure of it, for one of my sisters may have it. Only one sister is now living, Jemima **WARD**, and her postoffice is Glenville, Gilmer County, W. Va. Her husband's name is Albert, or was, for he is dead.

My parents lived near Bennetts Mills, what is now Walkersville, W. Va. at the census of 1850 and also at the census of 1860, about two miles from this place. They had lived there from some time before I was born till a good while after the census of 1860.

I lived at home with my parents up to the time of my marriage to Alvin D. **CRISLIP**, and we were married at my father's house.

That was my first marriage, and took place November 11, 1868.

Rev. Gilbert **ROGERS**, a minister of the M. E. Church, performed the marriage ceremony. We had to have a license, and it is my impression that my brother William went for that, but cannot be sure as to that. It should be on record at the Court House in Lewis County, W. Va., where the license was secured and the marriage took place. My husband's full name was Alvin Demosthenes **CRISLIP**. He enlisted in Co. H. 10W.Va. Inf. on June 1, 1863, under the name Alvin D. **CRISLIP**, and was discharged August 9, 1865 at Beverly, W. Va., as shown by memoranda that I have. I did not know him before his army service, and not till after his discharge. I have heard him say that he was at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House. I would like to have his discharge returned to me when the case is settled. Soldier had no nickname, nor any other name than as stated to my knowledge. He had no other service that I know.

I never had a marriage certificate for this marriage. My two brothers now living were present at my marriage to Alvin D. **CRISLIP**. Mr. **CRISLIP** and I were never divorced nor separated, and always lived together till the time of his death. He died February 24, 1872, and we



for Pension one year ago this month, I think I ought to hear something from it. I sent in my last letter that I was poor and getting old was 70, 27 May 1916. I don't want to employ an attorney.

I hope to hear from you soon and pry that my Pension will be allowed soon

#### **November 22, 1917 – Braxton Co., WV**

Mary V. **MCCLAIN** whose name is signed to the foregoing writing hearing date this the 22 day of November 1917 does under oath state that she has resided at the following places since the death of her husband Hazel **MCCLAIN** in 1895, namely, from 1895-1899 Duffy, Wva, from 1899 to 1908 Bulltown Wva from 1908 to 1911 Joppa Wva from 1911 to the present time have resided with my children have had no permanent home.

C. W. **ANCELL** – Notary

#### **Mary Victoria's Deposition – May 1918**

Case of Mary V. **MCCLAIN** #277 709

On this 22 day of May 1918 at Hettie county of Braxton, State of West Virginia before me Robert M. **WEEDIN**, a Special Examiner of the Bureau of Pensions, personally appeared Mary V. **MCCLAIN**, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says: My postoffice address is Hettie, W. Va.

I was born on May 27, 1847, which makes me 71 next Monday. I have no family Bible record, but have a copy of the record taken from my father's Bible over 20 years ago, which shows the date of marriage of my father and mother and the dates of birth of all their children, of whom I was the youngest, and this copy is all set down in a book now in my possession. This record shows that my father, James **ANDERSON** was married to my mother, Sarah **SIRON** on June 19, 1825, by Rev. James **WATSON**. They had 12 children, the oldest John Siron **ANDERSON** born September 15, 1826, Martha Jane on November 5, 1827, Margaret Ann on September 21, 1829, Josiah on September 16, 1831, Roxanna on March 19, 1833, James Morgan on January 27, 1835, William Damron March 12, 1837, Sarah Matilda on October 19, 1838, Lorenzo Dow on January 25, 1841, Samuel Hunter

Dear Sir, I hereby notify you that my gardians Bondsman is insuficient and want you to hold my money in the Pension office until a satisfactory Bond is furnished you.

*Alice E. Crislip*

#### **December 23, 1890, Crawford, Lewis Co., WV Letter from James A. STRADER**

**Mr. S. L. Willson, Washington, D. C.**

Sir, The amount of the bond given for the protection of the interests of the ward is as the records of the court shows..three thousand dollars (\$3000). The court refuses to issue a new bond. The bond is in the bank of T. W. Tallmadge If any further information is necessary let me know immediately

#### **January 21, 1891 – US Pension Agency – For Payment of Pensions,**

**Hon. Green B. Rann**

Sir, I transmit herewith copies of orders of Court dated January 4, 1887, appointing James A. **STRADER** Guardian of Minors of Alvin D. **CRISLIP** #277710 and letter of Alice E. one of the minors protesting against the sufficiency of the bond this case. The amount of her share of the pension is \$771.80. I also enclose a letter from the Guardian relation to the bond.

It is respectfully suggested that an investigation as to the sufficiency of the bond be had in regard to the surety responsibility.

S. h. Munson?, U. S. Pension

Agent.

#### **February 9, 1891 Letter by James A. *WATSON* – Special Examiner – J. A. *STRADER* - guardianship**

Sir: I have the honor to return all the papers in pension claim No 277710 of the minors of Alvin D. **CRISLIP** Co. H 10<sup>th</sup> WVA Inft and to make in compliance with your letter dated Feby 4, 1891, accompanied by Laws Division letter, the following report.

At my earliest opportunity I proceeded to Weston Lewis Co., WVa – the county seat of said county and had the county clerk search the records for the purpose of learning whether the Gdn. James A.

**STRADER**, the surety – Hazel R. McLain had sufficient property subject to execution to justify the acceptance of the bond and suretyship in this case. As a result of said inquiry and search it was learned that the GDN has listed for taxation \$830 personal property & \$901 real estate: that said surety has no taxable property –either personal or real. This state affairs (as I am informed by the best authority and by reading the code of West Va) renders the bond insufficient for according to the Laws of West Virginia to make the bond of a guardian good and sufficient within the meaning and intent of the law one or more surety's worth at least..../thus far the I proceeded to the Gdn's home where I found him and made known to him the statement of affairs as I had learned them and informed him fully as to the requirements of the "Office". The guardian did not decline to give a new bond but expressed himself perfectly willing and able to do so though he (the guardian) is just recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever and was physically unable to go at present to attend to executing a new bond as it would necessarily cause him to make a ride of forty miles by horse back. Inquired of him (the guardian) whether he could give good and sufficient surety whereupon he sent for two of his neighbors -J. M. **MORRISON** and T. S. **SWICK** to come to his home and they each declared their willingness to go upon the bond whenever required to do so and the guardian said that as soon as he could possibly ride to Weston, W.Va he would go with his surety and execute a new bond. On returning to Weston W.VA I with the assistance of the clerk made an examination of the county records and found that J. M. **MORRISON** alone is worth several time the amount of the bond required. I brought the whole matter to the attention of the County Clerk whose duty it is to make the appointment of guardians and require the bonds of guardians during vacation of the court and he (the clerk) informed me that he would attend to the matter as soon as the guardian appeared with good & sufficient surety before him. Even if the new bond be given in a few days it cannot be valid till approved by the County Court which does not convene till the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April 1891. I find from inquiry in the community in which he lives that the said guardian is very reputable and is a very careful business man and one competent and suitable to have custody of his ward's funds. From the state of affairs as I found them I did not see that it was necessary to take any evidence and for that reason no depositions accompany this report. Under the circumstances

I did not feel warranted in returning this case but for the information of the "office" I thought it my duty to return it at once.

As soon as the bond can possibly be given and approved by the court, a copy of the same will be furnished me, which copy I will at once forward to be used in connection with this case. Believing that I have done the best I could in this case I submit this report for the judgement of those higher in authority.

James A. **WATSON**, Special

Examiner

### May 25, 1891 – Law Division Guardianship of Minors

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Finance Division who attention is invited to the accompanying bond and suretyship, recently filed in the case.

On complaint of the minor that the surety was not responsible, a bond was executed, with new surety, and this bond and the sureties thereon are found to satisfactory to the Bureau; and the case is referred to you for proper action, in order to secure payment of the pension to the guardian of this minor.

M. B. **BAILEY**, Chief Law Division

Mary Victoria tried on several occasion to renew her application for pension funds after the act of September 8, 1916.

### July 23, 1917 – Gregory, WV – Letter from Mary V. MCCLAIN

I am writing you again in regard to my Pension claim 277709 it seems I have waited a reasonable time done all that has been required of me to do. I would like to know if my claim is going to be allowed. I don't want to employ an attorney if I can help it but if it is nessary I will do so, Address me at Hettie, W.Va

### October 18, 1917 – Gregory, WV

Commissioner of Pensions

Sir I am writing to you in regard to my Pension Claim Mary V.

**MCCLAIN**, Widow of Alvin D. **CRISLIP** Co H, 10 WVa Vol. Inf. No of Claim 277, 79

I wrote to you 23 July 1917 I received a card from you that you had received my letter. I have not received any letter from you since, I have sent all the proof that has been required of me. I sent in my application